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SOUTHERN COMMAND

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

# SAFESTAT REPORT

*Nevada Highway Patrol*

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## Overview

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Southern Command personnel handled 1,162 crashes as compared to 1,193 crashes in December 2007. The total crashes decreased by 2.6% compared to last year. This reduction in crashes can be attributed to roadway improvements, multi-agency traffic enforcement initiatives on the highway, extensive public education efforts and the significant increases in fuel costs. When compared to last year, fatalities increased by 28.6%, this equates to 2 more fatal crashes in December 2008. The Southern Command preliminary documentation identified a 38.6 % decrease in the overall number of commercial vehicle crashes as compared to December 2007. Of the 27 commercial vehicle crashes investigated this month, 2 resulted in injuries, 0 fatalities and the remaining 25 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 2.3% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command. Impaired drivers were responsible for 4.4% of all crashes in the Southern Command.

The Administrative Services Section of the Southern Command processed 1,522 crash reports in December. This resulted in 8,122 crash reports being mailed out, 77.8% more than last December. There were 944 visitors, requesting police services, at the Front Office which was an increase of 3.7% when compared to December 2007.

The Southern Command Communication Center logged 25,320 CAD incidents and 42,408 telephone calls. The CAD incidents can be attributed to field enforcement and response to traffic crashes, motorist assists, debris removal, medical assists, allied agency assistance, and traffic hazard mitigation.

The Southern Command had a decrease in the overall traffic enforcement by 29.7% in December 2008, as compared to December 2007. DUI arrests from crashes were down 8.9% as compared to last year. DUI arrests prior to crashes also decreased by 17.2% as compared to last year. Total arrests were down 22.1%.

The Commercial Enforcement Section increased its Hazardous moving violation citations by 16.1% and its other citations by 17.4% as compared to last December. The number of Safety Inspections decreased by 6.9% compared to last year. This resulted in 44 vehicles and 38 drivers being placed "Out of Service".

The Southern Command is driven to provide this community with a professional and effective law enforcement presence. The Southern Command extends a thank you to all those who assisted us in gaining success in our law enforcement services this past month.

**CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW**

	December-08	December-07	% Change	November-08	% Change
Total crashes	1162	1193	-2.6%	1165	-0.3%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	892	919	-2.9%	884	0.9%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	260	267	-2.6%	273	-4.4%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	8	7	14.3%	8	0.0%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	51	56	-8.9%	46	10.9%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	10	7	42.9%	9	11.1%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	2	4	-50.0%	2	0.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	2	0	200.0%	1	100.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	4	3	33.3%	2	100.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	1	-100.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	2	0	200.0%	3	-33.3%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	27	44	-38.6%	42	-35.7%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	25	32	-21.9%	37	-32.4%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	2	12	-83.3%	4	-50.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0	0	0.0%	1	-100.0%

**CRASH ANALYSIS**

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0.8%
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 4.4%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 55.6%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 2.3%
- ✱ Total crashes down 2.6 % compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes are down 38.6% from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes are up 28.6 % as compared to last year.

## FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	December-08		December-07	% Change		November-08	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	51		56	-8.9%		46	10.9%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	188		227	-17.2%		144	30.6%
Other arrests	876		1125	-22.1%		797	9.9%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	404		474	-14.8%		330	22.4%
Speed violations	3491		4770	-26.8%		4348	-19.7%
Hazardous moving violations	1824		2303	-20.8%		2216	-17.7%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	345		1527	-77.4%		441	-21.8%
Total violations [above violations included]	9663		13752	-29.7%		11152	-13.4%
<b>COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS</b>							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	72		62	16.1%		105	-31.4%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	256		218	17.4%		235	8.9%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	1090		1171	-6.9%		609	79.0%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0		3	-300.0%		3	-300.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	261		304	-14.1%		220	18.6%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1245		1482	-16.0%		893	39.4%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	44		77	-42.9%		44	0.0%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	38		62	-38.7%		32	18.8%
Total school buses inspected	254		56	353.6%		77	229.9%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	42		8	425.0%		14	200.0%
Total trucks weighed	64		106	-39.6%		1243	-94.9%
Total overweight citations	7		23	-69.6%		10	-30.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	725		1158	-37.4%		496	46.2%
Total dyed fuel citations	4		0	400.0%		0	400.0%

\*Seatbelt and Child Restraint    ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Urban Ops		Rural Ops		Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections	65		25		36
Safety Violations Citation	0		7		5
Safety Violations <b>Repair Order</b>	0		27		5
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	2		5		2
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0		9		0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0		0		0

**DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS**

- ✱ Average BAC 0.161%
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 31.15 years old.
- ✱ 0.0% of the DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ✱ 17 drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

**ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS**

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES</b>	December 2008		December 2007	% Change		November 2008	% Change
<b>COMMUNICATION CENTER</b>							
Radio Transmissions from Console	351,360		344,583	2.0%		310,587	13.1%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	1,893,935		1,734,787	9.2%		1,618,598	17.0%
CAD Incidents	25,320		26,568	-4.7%		22,549	12.3%
Telephone Calls	42,408		30,939	37.1%		33,256	27.5%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	94		61	54.1%		59	59.3%
<b>FRONT OFFICE</b>							
Accident Reports Processed	1,522		823	84.9%		1,066	42.8%
Arrest Reports Processed	496		433	14.5%		199	149.2%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	100		16	525.0%		10	900.0%
Vehicle Impound Releases	116		82	41.5%		60	93.3%
Visitors at Counter	944		910	3.7%		552	71.0%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	8,122		4,567	77.8%		5,762	41.0%
<b>COURT / WARRANT</b>							
Warrants Received	829		1052	-21.2%		770	7.7%
Warrants Entered	523		1778	-70.6%		304	72.0%
Warrants Cleared	380		246	54.5%		284	33.8%
Warrants Validated	2093		2323	-9.9%		2513	-16.7%
Extradition / Transports	7		8	-12.5%		3	133.3%
<b>EVIDENCE</b>							
New Cases Submitted	94		41	129.3%		57	64.9%
New Items Submitted	228		88	159.1%		114	100.0%
Items Disposed	2		7	-71.4%		1890	-99.9%

**EVIDENCE**

- ✱ Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 84.04% of case submissions.
- ✱ Parole and Probation responsible for 15.96 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Division of Investigation responsible for 0.0 % of case submissions.
- ✱ State Fire Marshal was responsible for 0.0 % of case submissions.
- ✱ OPR is responsible for 0.0 % of case submissions.

**CONTRACT SERVICES**

- 12 Contracts using 320.84 hours, billed in the amount of \$22,838.79

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIO Meetings	Accident Response
1077	33	195	28	12

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
705	496	24	183	106	77

Community service appearances: (13 Total )

- Canyon Springs HS (2 Visits)
- Clark H.S. (4 visits)
- UNLV
- Cadwallader M.S.
- Centennial H.S. (2 visits)

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Additional Appearances and Meetings: (23 total)

- Southern Nevada Traffic Advisory Task Force
- IR 15 Coordinating meeting with NDOT, Cal-Trans, and CHP
- Nellis Air Force Base – First Term Airman’s Course
- IR 15 Blasting Operational Meeting
- IR 15 Design Build project meetings
- You Drink, You Drive, You Lose DUI Event at UMC
- Shop with a Cop
- DPS Blood Drive
- On-going training for Meth 360 Project
- Red Ribbon Road Dedication (SR 157)
- On-going discussions for OTS & STOP DUI // campaign with Al Unser Jr.
- Driver’s Edge – distribution of OTS funded DVD and event
- Committee work on Nevada Strategic Highway Safety Plan
- STOP DUI Nevada Tree Dedication ceremony
- Sierra Vista HS Career Fair